

In the Specification:

Kindly make the following amendments to the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, numbered line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Although from EP 1 166 645, it is known to inject a maltodextrin powder in the top of a spraying tower in such way that the trajectory of this solid powder crosses the spray pattern of the spray-cook starch which exits one or more two-fluid nozzles in order to produce agglomerated particles, it is not obvious for a man skilled in the art to use the two-fluid nozzles to atomise a starch hydrolysate solution on a solid powder in order to produce a spray-dried starch hydrolysate agglomerate product having the combined properties of standard spray-dried starch hydrolysates and known spray-dried starch hydrolysate agglomerate products. The two-fluid nozzles as described in EP 1 166 645 are used for a totally different purpose, i.e. spray-cooking a starch slurry, and not for atomising a ~~maltodextrin~~ starch hydrolysate solution.

Page 1, after the title and before numbered line 5, insert:

--This application claims the benefit of PCT Application No. PCT/EP2004/001744 filed February 19, 2004, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.--